



Wisconsin: The Cost of Inaction

Wisconsin Families Suffer

Wisconsin insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,478.
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$11,658.
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$24,812, a 113 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 46.2 percent of projected Wisconsin median family income.

More uninsured Wisconsinites

- ✓ Every day, 230 Wisconsinites lose their health insurance.
- ✓ During the last two years, 1,246,000 Wisconsinites under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 25.9 percent of the under 65 population.
- ✓ In 2007, 465,762 Wisconsinites under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 9.6 percent of the under 65 population.

Wisconsinites pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ Wisconsin families pay a “hidden tax” of \$900 on their health insurance premiums due to the unpaid costs of care for the uninsured.

Wisconsin Businesses Suffer

Fewer Wisconsinites have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 72.6 percent of Wisconsinites under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance.
- ✓ In 2007, 69.5 percent of Wisconsinites had coverage through their employer.

Fewer Wisconsin small businesses offer health coverage

- ✓ In 2000, 47.5 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees.
- ✓ In 2006, 40.8 percent of small businesses offered health benefits.

Wisconsin Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, Wisconsin spent \$31.2 billion on health care.
- ✓ This spending level represents \$5,670 per capita, and is 14.8 percent of the Gross State Product.

Lost economic output of the uninsured due to shorter lives and poorer health

- ✓ This year, the Wisconsin economy will lose \$1.5 billion - \$3.0 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured.